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SUBJECT: Defection of Former KMT Officials

As requested by the above-referenced airgram, the Consulate General has attempted to learn the circumstances surrounding the reported defection of Hsieh Tso-min, Yu Tso-pai, and Lo Yi-hsien. Unfortunately, the post's biographic files contain no mention of the three, and sources available to CAS have been similarly unable to provide any information. (3rd(c)) This very absence of data on Hsieh, Yu, and Lo would, however, seem to indicate that they were individuals of no particular influence in the Colony. As far as is known, their defection has caused no comment in the non-Communist press locally. A translation of an article which appeared in the pro-Communist Hong Kong Wen Hui Pao of December 8, 1956, and which gives a bit more information on the three than the NCNA item of the same date is enclosed. With the exception of one CH'IU T'ung-kuang (on whom the Consulate General has no further information), Hsieh, Yu, and Lo, all the individuals named in the Wen Hui Pao story seem to have been long resident on the mainland.

The Consulate General is endeavoring to check further into the matter.

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Consul General

Enclosure
Article from Wen Hui Pao

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(Hong Kong Wen Hui Pao, December 8, 1956)

Yu Tso-p'ai and Other KMT Officials Appointed to Kwangtung Posts

Recently, forty-three party, government and army personnel of the former KMT regime, university professors, and lecturers joined the Councillors' Office of the Kwangtung People's Council to serve in the capacity of deputy director, councillors, research workers and office assistants. Among them were Yu Tso-p'ai (俞作柏) and Ch'iu T'ung-kuang (丘同光), respectively former chairman of the Kwangsi provincial government under the KMT regime and former lieutenant-colonel stationmaster of the 9th transportation station ~~of the 9th transportation station~~ of the Taiwan Air Force, who returned not long ago from Hong Kong. The working personnel of the Councillors' Office of the Kwangtung People's Council met to welcome them on December 4.

At the welcome meeting, after Hsiao Wan (蕭艾), deputy director of the Kwangtung Councillors Office, delivered the welcome speech, speeches were made by Lo Yi-chün (羅翼群), member of the Central Committee of the KMT Revolutionary Committee and member of the Kwangtung Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference who has now been appointed as deputy director of the Kwangtung Councillors' Office, Yu Tso-p'ai, Wang K'e-ou (王克毆), formerly Namhoi magistrate under the KMT regime, Hsieh Tso-min (謝作民), formerly member of the KMT Central Committee and Teng Yen-ts'un (鄧演存), formerly superintendent of the Hanyang Arsenal under the KMT regime, all of whom have been appointed as councillors of the Kwangtung Councillors' Office.

Yu Tso-p'ai who just returned from Hong Kong said: "I severed myself from the people during the anti-Japanese war. With Premier Chou En-lai calling on everybody to come out and work for the State, I am very pleased that I am given work at the Councillors' Office. I will learn and work well and will contribute my share of strength to the cause of Socialist construction."

Hsieh Tso-min said: "I had for more than twenty years worked as a tool for the KMT reactionary regime in the past. Today, the Chinese Communist Party has agreed not only to overlook what I had done in the past but also to take care of me and give me work in a State organ. Apart from expressing my heart-felt gratitude, I will do my utmost to work for the building of the great fatherland."

Among the personnel who recently joined the Councillors' Office of the Kwangtung People's Council, those appointed as councillors are Yu Tso-p'ai, formerly chairman of the Kwangsi

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provincial government under the KMT regime, Fang Wen-cheng (方文正), university professor, Wang Wei-ou, formerly Namhoi magistrate under the KMT regime, Hsieh Tso-min, formerly member of the KMT Central Committee, Ch'en Ch'iao-ch'iang (陳僑強), formerly of the KMT Army, Teng Ten-ts'un, formerly superintendent of the Hanyang Arsenal under the KMT regime, and Ch'en Hung-yi (陳弘毅), formerly rear-admiral department head of the KMT Naval Bureau, totalling seven persons.

Those appointed as research workers are Liang Ping-shu (梁秉樞), formerly regiment commander of the 4th Army who rose against the KMT regime, T'ang Wei (湯薇) and Ho Ch'eng-hui (何成輝), formerly of the KMT Army, Li Lui-fu (李雷夫), formerly administrator of Kwangtung under the KMT regime, Liang Tai (梁岱), formerly major-general chief-of-staff, Fan Cheng-chuan (范誠銓), formerly major-general section-chief of the 18th Army Corp who rose against the KMT regime, T'ang Chi-chung (湯季中), formerly political commissar of the 57th Division, Hsiao Po-hao (蕭伯豪), formerly army officer and government official of the KMT regime, Chiang Ch'ao (江超), formerly regiment commander of the 48th Division of the 16th Army who rose against the KMT regime, Wu Chien-wen (吳劍文), formerly colonel flight director of the KMT Air Force, and Ch'iu T'ung-kuang, formerly lieutenant-colonel station-master of the 9th transportation station of the Taiwan Air Force, totalling 15 persons.

Twenty former KMT party, army and government personnel, university professors and lecturers were appointed as office assistants in the Kwang-tung Councillors' Office.